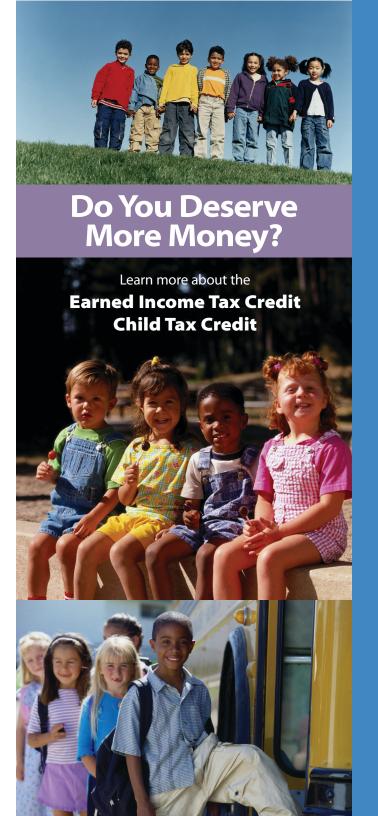
Valuable Tax Credit Information Inside

EITC Information P.O. Box 47988 Seattle, WA 98146

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The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a special tax credit that can reduce the amount of taxes you owe and can even give you a refund.

Who may claim the EITC?

You may be able to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit if you were employed in 2002 and you:

- earned less than \$34,178 and have two or more qualifying children;
- earned less than \$30,201 and have one qualifying child;
- earned less than \$11,060 and have no qualifying children, and are between the ages of 25 and 64.

How much money can you get from the EITC?

The amount of the credit depends on the amount you earn and the number of children you have living with you. (See chart below for examples.)

How do I get the EITC?

You must file a 2002 income tax return to receive the EITC.

 If you have a qualifying child, you must file a federal tax return 1040 or 1040A and attach the IRS Schedule EIC.
 You can get these tax forms at post offices, libraries, and IRS offices or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

EITC Benefits for Tax Year 2002.

This is a sampling of the Earned Income Credit Table. This is not a tax table. Please refer to your 1040 tax booklet for a complete EITC table. (figures approximate)

2002 Adjusted Gross Income	EITC amount if you have no qualifying children.	EITC amount if you have one qualifying child.	EITC amount if you have two or more qualifying children.
\$1,000	\$78	\$349	\$410
\$3,000	\$231	\$1,029	\$1,210
\$6,000	\$376	\$2,049	\$2,410
\$9,000	\$156	\$2,506	\$3,610
\$12,000	\$0	\$2,506	\$4,140
\$15,000	\$0	\$2,265	\$3,823
\$18,000	\$0	\$1,786	\$3,191
\$21,000	\$0	\$1,307	\$2,559
\$24,000	\$0	\$827	\$1,928
\$27,000	\$0	\$348	\$1,296

Receiving the EITC in advance with your paycheck

If you have a qualifying child, and you will be eligible for the EITC during the 2003 tax year, you may be able to receive part of the EITC with each paycheck throughout the year. Call 1-800-755-5317 for more information.

Just fill out a W5 form and give it to your employer. You can get the Form W5 at IRS offices or at 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Did you miss filing for EITC credits from past years?

If you think that you were eligible for the EITC during any of the past **three years**, but did not claim it, the IRS may owe you additional money. Please call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to find out how to get the EITC for a previous tax year or call the Earned Income Hotline at 1-800-755-5317.

Free Tax Help!

You can get free help with your taxes at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites from late January through April 15. IRS volunteers will help you complete your tax return at no cost. For the location of your nearest VITA site, call **1-800-755-5317**.

Interpreter services are available

Call **1-800-755-5317** (1-800-833-6388 for TDD/TTY) if you need forms in alternative formats or to receive more information.



Child Tax Credit Information

What is the Child Tax Credit?

- The Child Tax Credit (CTC) is a federal tax credit worth up to \$600 per child in the 2002 tax year.
- Congress enacted new rules that took effect in 2001. Now millions of additional low- and middle-income families are eligible for the CTC, even if they owe no income tax.

Who may claim the CTC?

Families with earned income above \$10,000 who claim dependent children under the age of 17 on their 2002 tax return may now qualify for the Child Tax Credit (CTC).

CTC & EITC

It's the Money You Deserve

CTC & EITC Go Hand in Hand

Most low-income families that qualify for the Child Tax Credit will also be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).



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